



CONGRESSMAN **Pete King**

Special Report from Washington America Fights Back



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Dear Friend and Fellow American:

As we approach the new year, we look back upon September 11, 2001 as the most tragic day in American history. But it was also the day that America demonstrated its true greatness. Inspired by the memory of all the rescue workers who gave their lives at the World Trade Center and the thousands of innocent victims who were murdered that day, America is fighting back and is more united than at any other time in our history. President Bush is leading the successful war against international terrorism and is also leading the effort to rebuild New York.

While difficulties still lie ahead, I am absolutely confident that 2002 will be a year when America continues to demonstrate its remarkable spirit and determination. And, as we go forward, that is the greatest honor we can pay to the memory of those who lost their lives to the evil forces of terrorism.

My family, my staff and I wish you the very best of the new year.

Sincerely,

Peter T. King
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

President Leads America in War

THE OVAL OFFICE – Congressman Pete King commends President Bush for his courageous leadership as Commander in Chief in the war against international terrorism. Rep. King has also strongly supported the President in his efforts to rebuild New York.



REP. KING, U2's BONO HAIL FIREFIGHTERS



MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK – Congressman Pete King and famed rock star Bono met with a group of Firefighters to thank them for their heroic rescue efforts at the World Trade Center. Noting that more than 25,000 civilians were rescued on September 11th, Rep. King has introduced legislation to honor all Firefighters, Police Officers and EMS workers who died in the line of duty at the World Trade Center.

REP. KING SECURES FUNDING FOR BIOTERRORISM DEFENSE

House Approves \$490,000 For North Shore – LIJ

As a vital part of the struggle against international terrorism, we must upgrade our defenses against chemical and biological warfare. This is particularly true for the New York and Long Island metropolitan area. That is why I fought so hard to obtain almost \$500,000 to expand the bioterrorism program at the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System. Under the legislation approved by the House of Representatives, North Shore-LIJ will receive \$490,000 to confront a large-scale attack or disaster. These dollars will be used to buy emergency room decontamination equipment, train workers to recognize unusual symptoms from a bio-chemical attack and set up coordinated programs with other hospitals in the region.

Fighting Back From Ground Zero

MANHATTAN, NEW YORK – Congressman Pete King traveled to the World Trade Center site at Ground Zero with President Bush in the days immediately following the September 11th attack. From the moment the attack occurred, Rep. King's major priority has been to ensure that America wins the war against international terrorism and that New York is rebuilt.



MAYOR GIULIANI, REP. KING STAND TOGETHER FOR NEW YORK



GRACIE MANSION, NEW YORK – Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Rep. King share a light moment following a recent breakfast meeting at the Mayor's residence at Gracie Mansion. In the months following September 11th, however, Mayor Giuliani and Congressman King shared many sad moments as they attended funerals of victims of the World Trade Center attacks. They have also worked closely together with Governor Pataki in securing federal disaster assistance for New York.

CONGRESSMAN KING SUPPORTS AVIATION SECURITY BILL

President Signs Legislation To Make Skies Safer

The airplane hijackings of September 11th dramatically demonstrated the necessity to increase and improve airline security. Very simply the airlines had not done their job. Congress stepped in and passed the **Aviation Security Act (S. 1447)** which I strongly supported. President Bush immediately signed the bill into law. Among other things the **Aviation Security Act:**

- ❖ makes the federal government responsible for aviation security
- ❖ requires all baggage screeners to be U.S. citizens
- ❖ requires airlines to fortify and lock cockpit doors during flights
- ❖ increases the deployment of federal air marshals
- ❖ requires that **all** luggage be screened for weapons and explosives
- ❖ establishes anti-hijack training programs for flight crews and attendants.

While no system can be 100% secure, this legislation will be a major improvement and will give law enforcement the upper hand in the war against terrorism.

Gov. Pataki, Rep. King Secure Disaster Assistance to Rebuild New York

THE CAPITOL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

—Governor George Pataki met recently in Washington with Congressman King, Senator Schumer and other members of the New York Congressional Delegation to lay out the details of the federal disaster assistance funds which New York must receive to recover from the World Trade Center attack. President Bush has pledged to provide the money necessary to rebuild New York and so far has given New York every dollar it has requested.



REP. KING ON CHANNEL 12 NEWS

Discusses War Effort

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Pete King discussed the progress in the war against international terrorism during his recent interview with Channel 12 news anchor Carol Silva. Rep. King regularly appears on Channel 12's morning news show and other news programs to update his constituents on key issues. Congressman King encourages his constituents to let him know their ideas on key issues. He can be contacted by phone, mail or e-mail.



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